

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

With Advent beginning next week we, of course, turn our attention to the preparation for Christmas. Some have already begun with putting up Christmas trees, manger scenes, and decorating their homes. Many probably have much of their Christmas shopping finished and maybe even their cookies baked. However, there are those like me who will wait until the last minute to get everything finished. I like to tell myself the reason I wait is to give the Advent season proper respect.

There is one thing that I hope you will not wait on doing until the last minute. That's going to confession. Our Advent penance celebrations this year are Sunday, December 16 at 3 pm in Corry, Tuesday, December 18 at 7 pm at St. Luke, and Wednesday, December 19 at 7 pm at Holy Redeemer. Many will wait for these services to go to confession. However, the fewer priests available to hear confessions means that the services tend to go on longer. Some people may wait for an hour or longer to go to confession. While that wait can be put to good use praying, time is precious a week from Christmas and maybe spent elsewhere.

Therefore, both Fr. Jim and I are scheduling additional confession times during the first two weeks of Advent. Hopefully, this will ease the waiting time at the penance celebrations and allow people to have a more relaxed confession.

Here are the additional times I will be offering to hear confessions during the first two weeks of Advent:

Monday December 3 from 5:30-6:30

Wednesday December 5 from 4:30-5:30

Tuesday December 11 from 6:30-7:30

Thursday December 13 from 6-7

If those time are inconvenient for you, you can always call and schedule an appointment. *Father Rick*

PARISH NEWS

PIZZA NIGHT Our first pizza dinner night was a huge success!

Many thanks to Mike Moyer who made the dough, and to our team of Darryl and Kim Mctavish, Becky Dippold, Missy Shene, Alice Fadale, Julie and Bob Theys. The pizza and fellowship were second to none!

CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKET COLLECTION FOR THE NEEDY

From now until Friday, December 21st

Some ideas for nonperishable donations are peanut butter, canned meats, tuna fish, pasta, tomato sauces, spam, soups, mac and cheese, chili, canned fruits and vegetables, cereals, instant oatmeal, mixes of all kinds (muffin, cookie, cake, pudding, jello, brownie, pancake, bread, etc.). Donations of paper products such as paper towels, toilet paper and napkins are needed as well as hygiene/cleaning supplies (soap, toothpaste, shampoo, plus dish soap and laundry detergent). **Please do NOT bring in turkeys--we have no space to store them.** You may leave your nonperishable donations on the altar steps. Monetary donations are also needed to purchase turkeys. Designate on the envelope or check (made out to St. Joseph Church) that the money is for **Christmas Food for the Needy** and place your envelope in the collection baskets during Mass or leave in the parish office or mail to the church address.



The 32nd Annual Saint Joseph PTU Craft Fair

The 32nd Annual Saint Joseph PTU Craft Fair will be held on Saturday, December 1st from 10am - 4pm. Admission is \$2 per person (12 and under are free). All proceeds benefit the St Joseph School Accelerated Reader Program. CCY (Cool Catholic Youth) sponsored lunch, bake sale and basket raffle will be available in the cafeteria.



****CCY BASKET RAFFLE****

It's time for the CCY annual Christmas Raffle! If you are willing to help by donating a basket, please contact Jennifer at the office 723-2090 x 15.



72 AND YOU MOVIE NIGHT

Join us Monday, December 3rd at 7pm in Meyer Hall at St. Joseph Church for "**Mary of Nazareth**": an epic film on the Mother of Christ. The film is not rated.

This first session runs approximately 80 minutes.

The second session will be shown during Lent. Popcorn and beverages will be served.

CCY MOVIE NIGHT

Join us for "**The Star the Story of the First Christmas**" on December 16th at St Joseph Educational Center at 6:00pm. Come and celebrate the spirit of Christmas. Pizza, popcorn and drinks will be served.

A SPECIAL ADVENT EVENT

Ages 2-Grade 2 from 9:15-10:20am at Holy Redeemer Church on December 9th. Come join us as we celebrate the true meaning of Christmas with your faith community!



SAINT JOSEPH CHURCH PEWS FOR SALE

We have (1) 7 foot, and (2) 8 foot solid wood church pews for sale. The cost is \$50.00 each. Please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible if you are interested. Thank You!



The Knights of Columbus District 85 is asking our participation in the program "**Coats for Kids**". **All money collected will be used locally.** Envelopes will be available at the doors of the Church after Mass next weekend. Please see the insert in this week's bulletin for more details.

As always a special thank you for your support of this wonderful program.

CHILD PROTECTION AND CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS

Homeless Youth and Protecting our Youth: We consider our homes to be safe places for our children, but 1.7 million US youth experience homelessness every year. 50,000 youth sleep on the streets for six months or more each year. One of the main causes of youth homelessness is family instability, which includes child abuse and /or neglect, domestic violence, parental substance abuse and family conflict. The website of the National Child Traumatic Stress Network offers information on a range of child safety topics. To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to help create safe environments, check out <http://www.eriecd.org/protectyouth.htm>.

LITURGY INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, 11/25 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
 8:00am (St Luke) Delores Anthony by The Anthony Family
 10:45am Katherine Teconchuk by Bruce & Cathy Atwood Watkins

Monday, 11/26 Weekday
 12:00pm (St Luke) Special intention for Mary Ann DeVore

Tuesday, 11/27 Weekday
 12:05pm Rose Cerando by Nick Tomassoni

Wednesday, 11/28 Weekday
 9:05am Lorraine Bengston by Family

Thursday, 11/29 Weekday
 12:05pm Michael Curren by Mike & Lisa Lewis

Friday, 11/30 Saint Andrew, Apostle
 8:00am Robert Leins by Mike & Lisa Lewis

Saturday, 12/1 St Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious
 5:30pm Jeff Zaffino by Holly & Cindy

Sunday, 12/2 First Sunday in Advent
 8:00am (St Luke) Delores Anthony by The Anthony Family
 10:45am For the Living & Deceased Members of St Joseph Parish

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday Rev 14:1-3,4b-5; Gospel Luke 21:1-4

Tuesday Rev 14:14-19; Gospel Luke 21:5-11

Wednesday Rev 15:1-4; Gospel Luke 21:12-19

Thursday Rev 18:1-2,21-23, 19:1-3,9a; Gospel Luke 21:20-28

Friday Romans 10:9-18; Gospel Matthew 4:18-22

Saturday Rev 22:1-7; Gospel Luke 21:34-36

Sunday Jeremiah 33:14-16; 1Thes 3:12—4:2; Gospel Luke 21:25-28,34-36

SPECIAL EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 25th
 8:00am (St Luke) Mass
 10:45am Mass

Monday, November 26th Parish Office Closed
 12:00pm (St Luke) Mass
 6:30pm St Joseph Parish Book Club (Boardroom)

Tuesday, November 27th
 10:30am (St Luke) Bible Study
 12:05am Mass
 4:30pm Soup Kitchen
 6:00pm Cub Scouts (Loranger Hall)

Wednesday, November 28th
 9:05am School Mass
 10:30am Faith Share (Meyer Hall)

Thursday, November 29th
 12:05pm Mass
 12:30pm Eucharistic Adoration
 6:00pm Girl Scouts (Meyer Hall)
 7:15pm Evening Prayer

Friday, November 30th
 8:00am Mass
 10:00pm Decorate the Church for Advent

Saturday, December 1st
 10:00am-4:00pm SJCS Craft Show (Gym)
 4:30-5:15pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
 5:30pm Mass

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULES

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Extraordinary Ministers</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
12/1			
5:30pm	K Jones	R Cecco, J Sabat, R & B Williams, G & M Belleau, A Kiehl	L Walker M Walker T Abplanalp
12/2			
8:00am	T Marino	L Marino, C Knapp	R Nuhfer
10:45am	Peggy/ William Morgan	K & V Amsdell, *C Feaster, G Grosch, B Harvey, A & P Webster	E Dippold K Dippold L Thrift

11/28—The Rouse Home— Carol Knapp/Mary Donahue/Judy Bosko
 12/2 -8:00am Mass Ushers—Pat & Bill Mascaro

*WEEKLY SANCTUARY CANDLES IN MEMORY OF
 Theresa Ressler by Terry, Janice, and Katie Ressler*



In your charity please pray for the soul of **Dorothy Barton** of Saint Luke Church, of who passed away this past week. We extend our sympathy to her family and friends, and ask God's love and strength to bring them peace and consolation.

St. Joseph Parish Weekly Offering—November 17th & 18th

St Joseph - \$6904.00

St Luke - \$918.00

Second Collection

St Joseph—\$806.00

St Luke—\$177.00

Thank you for your continued support of our Parish!

ST JOSEPH PARISH SOUP KITCHEN serving dinners each Tuesday at 4:30pm. All are welcome!

HELPING HAND MINISTRIES OF ST JOSEPH PARISH

Thank You for your continued generosity!

Items being collected in **December** are:

St Joseph Church: **Items for the Christmas Food Baskets**

St Luke Church: **Non-perishable food items**



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